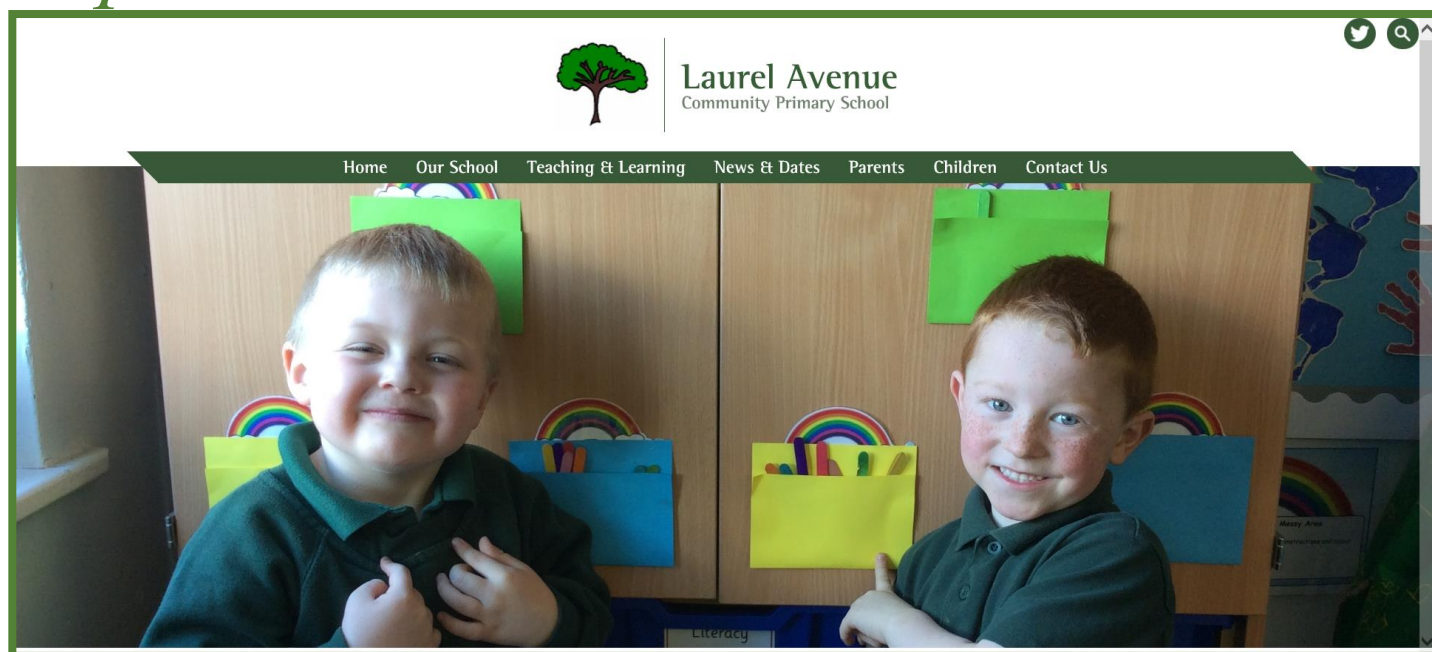
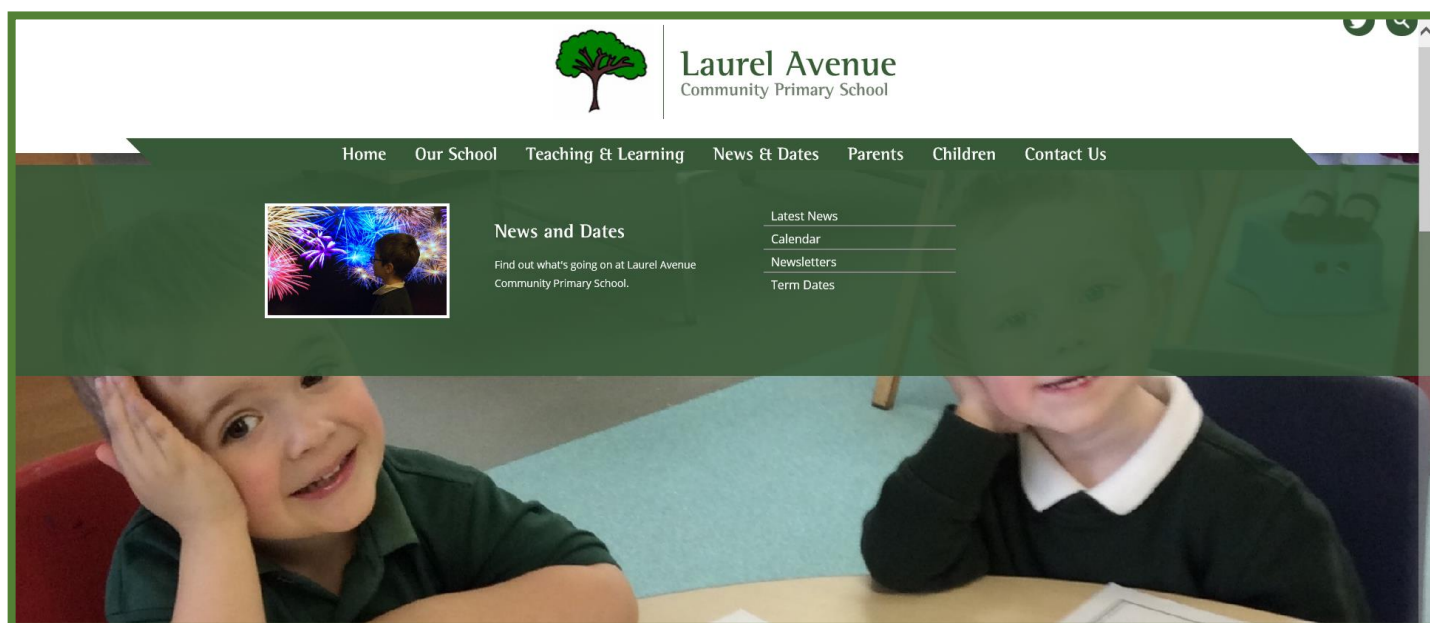


New website launched!

<http://www.laurelavenue.durham.sch.uk>



We hope that you enjoy using the new website. It is now a responsive site so it can be viewed successfully on all devices. You can find up to date information about your children's learning areas, keep up to date using the calendar as well as find useful information and forms.





Visit to Seaham Beach

Nursery and Class 1 children had a fantastic time at the beach. They worked in groups to make pictures and see who could make the tallest tower. Teamwork was fantastic!





They had a fabulous time decorating stones and made pebble people. To end the day they toasted marshmallows, learning how to be safe! The instructor who worked with the children for the day gave a glowing report about the excellent behaviour and participation of all the children and adults!



Thank you to all of the governors and volunteers who came along to support the day.



Beach school is exhausting!



Mini-Police

Kieran and Lilian in their
Mini-Police uniforms

This term, children in Year 4 and 5 have been involved in a Mini Police project.

They have worked with a number of Police Apprentices, looking at anti-social behaviour in the community. They are currently working on an assembly to present to the rest of the school after half term.



Year 5 children recently lead a Soccer Tots competition for Reception and Year 1. Everyone had a really fun time developing their skills. Year 5 were fantastic leaders and very encouraging! Congratulations to the winning team who received certificates in Star Assembly: Kaïden, Zac, Milena, Aliyah and Logan.



Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a morning learning lots of new skills at a Tennis Festival held at The Riverside, Chester-Le-Street. They even managed to come a very respectable 3rd overall!



DinnerTime

*We are very pleased
to welcome
Claire Linfoot to the
lunchtime staff team!*



Many of you will know Claire in her role as Community Centre Manager. She has only been working with us for a few weeks but has already brought lots of exciting activities to dinner times. One of the initiatives Claire and Jimmy have been working on with the children is The Woodland Trust Green Tree Schools Award. We have already achieved the Bronze Award through completing activities such as planting small hedges around the sensory garden. We're now working towards Silver level and children have been identifying different plants and insects in the school grounds over lunchtime.



Let's get cooking

*Let's Get Cooking was back on this term.
Well done to Keira, Caitlin, Tegan, Paige,
Bradleigh, Jackson, Anthony and James.*

Our Parent Governor, Ellen Cottrell, was very proud to feed back a glowing report from Belmont Comprehensive for her daughter Annie who took part in Let's Get Cooking whilst in Class 3 and 4 at Laurel Avenue. Her teacher is always impressed with children from Laurel Avenue who start in Year 7 with excellent cooking skills, demonstrating that they've experienced very good cooking provision during Primary School.



Book Amnesty

We are missing quite a few of our school reading and library books. These are very expensive to replace so we'd really appreciate it if you could all have a good look at home and in the car to see if any school books are hiding and return them to school. Thank you!

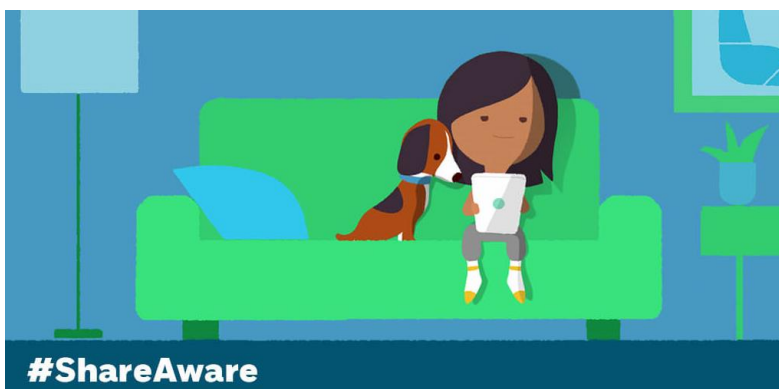


#ShareAware

Share Aware, from NSPCC and O2, gives parents all the tools they need to have regular and informed conversations with their child about staying safe online. Under 20% of parents discuss online safety regularly with their children but we want to get every family talking about their child's life online, just as they would their day at school.

Just like in real life, kids need our help to stay safe online. Teach your child to be #ShareAware with @NSPCC and @O2
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

Teach your child to be #ShareAware online, with step-by-step advice from @NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>



The internet is a great place for kids to be, being Share Aware makes it safer.

**FREE
childcare**



for
**working
parents**
of 3 and 4 year olds for
up to 30 hours a week

Find out if you are eligible at www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears



New from September 2017 – 30 Hours Free Childcare for 3 and 4 year olds

From September 2017, the Government will offer 30 hours of free childcare per week for parents of three and four year olds, to help them continue or take up employment. Guidance from the Department for Education states that you will need to meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- You earn, or expect to earn, the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage (as a minimum) for the first three months following application.
 - This equates to £120 a week (or about £6,000 a year) for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 a week (or about £5,800 a year) for each parent between 21 and 24 years old.
 - This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employed or on zero hours contract.
- Where one parent meets the income criteria above and the other is:
 - Unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.
 - On maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.
- Where you are in a 'start-up period' (i.e. newly self-employed) you do not need to demonstrate that you meet the income criteria for 12 months.
- If you are a non-European Economic Area (EEA) national, you must have recourse to public funds.

Who will not qualify?

You will not meet the criteria when:

- Either parent has an income of more than £100,000.
- Either parent is a non-EEA national and subject to immigration control (and has no recourse to public funds).

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

***Please keep a note of when your child will need their
PE kit in school***

Class 1: Monday and Wednesday

Class 2: Monday and Thursday

Class 3: Monday (PE kit) and Thursday (swimming kit)

Class 4: Tuesday and Friday

We recommend children bring their PE kits into school every Monday & leave them on their pegs for the week, bringing them home every Friday.

Times Table Challenge

This year we launched our times tables challenge in school. Times tables are an essential part of Maths and are taught relentlessly throughout the school year. Having a good knowledge of times tables and associated facts is the foundation for much of the curriculum. In order to ensure children are reaching the required standard by the end of Year 4 we introduced a focused challenge – The Magic Laurel Forest. Children will progress through the forest moving from tree to tree when they can recite and answer questions out of sequence on each of the times tables.

The expectations are as set out below:

- *Reception: count in multiples of 10,5,2*
- *Y1 & Y2: x10, x5, x2*
- *Y3 & Y4: x3, x4, x9, x6, x7, x8, x11, x12*
- *Y5 & Y6: recap on all of the above and know corresponding division facts and other associated facts such as multiples of 10 and decimals.*

We hope you will support your child at home in learning their times tables, so here are a few strategies to help:

- *say the multiples forwards and backwards*
- *look, say, cover, write, check*
- *chant forwards and backwards e.g. $0 \times 3 = 0$, $1 \times 3 = 3$ etc.*
- *ask questions out of sequence.*

Ask your child where they are in The Magic Laurel Forest and help them practice so that they can get even further!

Times Tables 1 to 12

1 times table

1	x	1	=	1
2	x	1	=	2
3	x	1	=	3
4	x	1	=	4
5	x	1	=	5
6	x	1	=	6
7	x	1	=	7
8	x	1	=	8
9	x	1	=	9
10	x	1	=	10
11	x	1	=	11
12	x	1	=	12

2 times table

1	x	2	=	2
2	x	2	=	4
3	x	2	=	6
4	x	2	=	8
5	x	2	=	10
6	x	2	=	12
7	x	2	=	14
8	x	2	=	16
9	x	2	=	18
10	x	2	=	20
11	x	2	=	22
12	x	2	=	24

3 times table

1	x	3	=	3
2	x	3	=	6
3	x	3	=	9
4	x	3	=	12
5	x	3	=	15
6	x	3	=	18
7	x	3	=	21
8	x	3	=	24
9	x	3	=	27
10	x	3	=	30
11	x	3	=	33
12	x	3	=	36

4 times table

1	x	4	=	4
2	x	4	=	8
3	x	4	=	12
4	x	4	=	16
5	x	4	=	20
6	x	4	=	24
7	x	4	=	28
8	x	4	=	32
9	x	4	=	36
10	x	4	=	40
11	x	4	=	44
12	x	4	=	48

5 times table

1	x	5	=	5
2	x	5	=	10
3	x	5	=	15
4	x	5	=	20
5	x	5	=	25
6	x	5	=	30
7	x	5	=	35
8	x	5	=	40
9	x	5	=	45
10	x	5	=	50
11	x	5	=	55
12	x	5	=	60

6 times table

1	x	6	=	6
2	x	6	=	12
3	x	6	=	18
4	x	6	=	24
5	x	6	=	30
6	x	6	=	36
7	x	6	=	42
8	x	6	=	48
9	x	6	=	54
10	x	6	=	60
11	x	6	=	66
12	x	6	=	72

7 times table

1	x	7	=	7
2	x	7	=	14
3	x	7	=	21
4	x	7	=	28
5	x	7	=	35
6	x	7	=	42
7	x	7	=	49
8	x	7	=	56
9	x	7	=	63
10	x	7	=	70
11	x	7	=	77
12	x	7	=	84

8 times table

1	x	8	=	8
2	x	8	=	16
3	x	8	=	24
4	x	8	=	32
5	x	8	=	40
6	x	8	=	48
7	x	8	=	56
8	x	8	=	64
9	x	8	=	72
10	x	8	=	80
11	x	8	=	88
12	x	8	=	96

9 times table

1	x	9	=	9
2	x	9	=	18
3	x	9	=	27
4	x	9	=	36
5	x	9	=	45
6	x	9	=	54
7	x	9	=	63
8	x	9	=	72
9	x	9	=	81
10	x	9	=	90
11	x	9	=	99
12	x	9	=	108

10 times table

1	x	10	=	10
2	x	10	=	20
3	x	10	=	30
4	x	10	=	40
5	x	10	=	50
6	x	10	=	60
7	x	10	=	70
8	x	10	=	80
9	x	10	=	90
10	x	10	=	100
11	x	10	=	110
12	x	10	=	120

11 times table

1	x	11	=	11
2	x	11	=	22
3	x	11	=	33
4	x	11	=	44
5	x	11	=	55
6	x	11	=	66
7	x	11	=	77
8	x	11	=	88
9	x	11	=	99
10	x	11	=	110
11	x	11	=	121
12	x	11	=	132

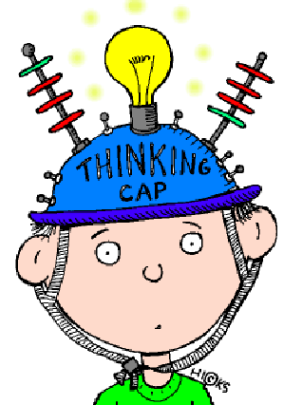
12 times table

1	x	12	=	12
2	x	12	=	24
3	x	12	=	36
4	x	12	=	48
5	x	12	=	60
6	x	12	=	72
7	x	12	=	84
8	x	12	=	96
9	x	12	=	108
10	x	12	=	120
11	x	12	=	132
12	x	12	=	144

Thunks

It's good to talk! Talking regularly to your child about a wide range of topics can really help with their speaking, listening and writing. We hope that you have enjoyed the Thunks of The Week so far that we've been sending using the Marvellous Me app. Which Thunk did you discuss the most? Have your opinions changed since you've had time to reflect on them? Did you manage to persuade anyone to change their mind?

- 1. If a zebra loses its stripes, what colour is it?*
- 2. If you paint over a window, is it still a window?*
- 3. What colour is Tuesday?*
- 4. Do ideas come from inside or outside your head?*
- 5. If I borrow a million pounds, am I a millionaire?*
- 6. Which is the most important part of a fork?*
- 7. Which is more important, being right or being nice?*
- 8. If I switch the lights off, does the wall change colour?*
- 9. If you got everything you always wished for, would you always be happy?*



Don't forget, when you've had a good conversation about the Thunk of The Week with your child/ren, please Hi 5 us back to let us know! Thank you.



If you need your child's unique code for the Marvellous Me app, please ask your child's teacher or call the office and we can give you this information.

BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success with 40 - 50 children attending most mornings!

We would not be able to offer this free club without the sponsorship from Greggs and of course without the brilliant support from our dedicated volunteers!

A very warm and great big thank you to all our brilliant Breakfast Club volunteers...

Helen Blakey, Ellen Cottrell, Nicola Dixon, Sarah Fearon, Claire Linfoot, June Nichol, Joe Pickering, Tracy Pickering, Tracy Salmon, Nichola Watkinson & Michelle Winter.

Reminder: Breakfast Club starts at 8.10 am.
We have a number of children arriving before 8.00 am.
Please come for 8.10 am and not before, thank you.



School Fruit Shop

Children in Nursery, Classes 1 and 2 receive a piece of fresh fruit each day for free as part of the Government's fruit scheme.



Children in Classes 3 and 4 can buy a piece of fresh fruit each day for only 50p per week or 10p a day.

The Golden Table: Every fortnight, six children are selected by lunchtime staff for excellent lunchtime behaviour and fabulous manners. Congratulations to the following children.



Azka, Angela, Casey, Stephen, Jay and Nathan



Jasmine, Tayven, Alex, Aliyah, Zac and Milena



Lewis, Caitlin, Connar, Tia, Paige and Alan

Star Pupils These children have been selected this half term to be Stars by their teachers for many different reasons, including excellent work and effort during lessons, as well as being kind and considerate to others.

Nursery: Josie, Ronnie Ashcroft, All of Nursery for fantastic behaviour at the beach, Harrison Wright



 **Class 1:** Matty Wild, Siti Haqem, All of Reception for fantastic behaviour at the beach, Samuel Linfoot

Class 2: Cameron Thompson, Logan Dinsley, Grace Wild, Aliyah Barker

Class 3: Alan Bentham, Jessica Garside, Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba, Ellie Storey



Class 4: Yiran Wang, Jack Fitzsimmons, All of Class 4 for working fantastically during SATs Week, Kiera Dinsley



Ms Davison: Oliver Pickering, Darcie Gillespie, Teagan-Leigh Wright, Cameron Thompson

Each week, children who achieve 100% attendance have the opportunity to win a £3 Tesco Gift Voucher
Congratulations to:

Jessica Bradleigh
Tyler Liam

**Class 100% Attendance
voucher winners:**

If an individual Class has achieved 100% for one week, then an extra draw is carried out for the children in that Class.

Class 1: Matty

Class 1: Zak

Class 4: James





Congratulations!



Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for April 2017

Stephen Appleby ♦ Esther Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Dan Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge
Theodor Ballardelle ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Xavier Batog ♦ Alan Bentham ♦ Josie ♦ Callum Blakey
Luke Blakey ♦ Tyler Blakey ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Daley Cartwright ♦ Lily
Callum Collins ♦ Anthony Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton
Keira Dinsley ♦ Matthew Dixon ♦ Oliver Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon ♦ Sophie Dixon ♦ Jasmine Emery
Mac Emery ♦ Azka Fayaz ♦ Saliha Fayaz ♦ Jack Fitzsimmons ♦ Devan France ♦ Tegan France
Jessica Garside ♦ Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Rubie Gillespie
Alora ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Siti Haqem ♦ Finley Haywood ♦ Ella Johnson ♦ Lee Jones
Filip Kedziora ♦ Billy Laverick ♦ Jackson Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Bradleigh Locking
Kyran Marchant ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Bailey Pallister ♦ Scarlett Pallister
Tayven Parker ♦ Alex Petit ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ James ♦ Leo Renwick ♦ Anas Sadiq
Alex Scott ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith ♦ Ellie Storey
Zak Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift ♦ Kierin Thompson ♦ Jaydan Tuck
Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Yiran Wang ♦ Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Connor Wild
Matty Wild ♦ Harrison Wright



Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for May 2017

Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge ♦ Jay Bainbridge ♦ Theodor Ballardelle ♦ Xavier Batog
Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Tyler Blakey ♦ Milena Blum Vestena ♦ Caitlin Bowes
Daley Cartwright ♦ Lily ♦ Callum Collins ♦ Ray Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton
♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Liam ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Matthew Dixon ♦ Oliver Dixon
Rebecca Dixon ♦ Sophie Dixon ♦ Angela Dodmani ♦ Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Azka Fayaz
Saliha Fayaz ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Jack Fitzsimmons ♦ Devan France ♦ Tegan France ♦ Jessica Garside
Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Rubie Gillespie ♦ Alora
Peyton Griffiths ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Siti Haqem ♦ Finley Haywood ♦ Ella Johnson
Lee Jones ♦ Filip Kedziora ♦ Jackson Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Ben Maddison
Casey Maddison ♦ Kyran Marchant ♦ Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles
Scarlett Pallister ♦ Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Alex Petit ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ James
Anas Sadiq ♦ Lilyan Sadiq ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd
Daisy Smith ♦ Zak Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson
Yiran Wang ♦ Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Zac Whittle
Connor Wild ♦ Matty Wild ♦ Hallemae Wood ♦ Harrison Wright ♦ Josh Younger



Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Mondays:

Laurel United Youth Group 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Over 11 year olds

FREE admission and tuck shop available

Tuesdays:

Credit Union Drop in, 1.00 – 1.30 pm

Why not start a savings account with Credit Union for you or your child? Pop in to see Claire and start saving!



Junior Youth Club & Tea Club (straight from school) 3.15 pm - 5.30 pm
Ages 5 years & above

£2.00 per child includes two course meal and entry into Youth Club
Please remember to bring £2 into school clearly marked with child's name. Any additional spending money for the tuck shop can also be included.



Thursdays:

Toddler Group 9.00 – 11.00 am (Ages 0 - 5 years)

£2.00 which includes breakfast and unlimited tea and coffee

Thursdays:

Lunch Club 12.00 noon - 2.00 pm

£4.00 includes two course hot meal and activities. Anyone Welcome!

Fridays:

Information Station Internet Café, drop in between 10 am & 12 noon
for support with job search, housing enquiries etc.

May Half Term

Beach Trip to South Shields – Friday 2nd June

Picked up 10.00 am from school, returning at 4.00 pm

Families welcome. Please contact Claire to make a booking

For any further info please contact Claire Linfoot:

Claire-laCa@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 0191 3845427 M: 07825956094



Friday 26th May: Judo sessions for Reception to Year 6. Need PE kits.

Friday 26th May: Half Term

Monday 5th June: Back to school

Monday 5th June, pm: Police Helicopter to visit school

Wednesday 7th June: Bright Sparks and Latin group whole day trip to Vindolanda

Monday 12th – Friday 16th June: Year 1 Phonics Test

Monday 12th – Friday 16th June: Healthy Eating Week

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd June: My Money Week

Tuesday 20th June: KS2 Mini Olympics at Riverside, Chester-Le-Street

Wednesday 21st June: Non Uniform Day for chocolate donation

Monday 26th June, 1.30 pm: School Fayre

Friday 30th June, 10.00 am: Sports Day for Nursery, Reception and Year 1

Tuesday 4th July, 1.45 pm: E-Safety assembly by Classes 1-4. Parents/Carers invited

Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July: World Cultural Week

Thursday July 13th, 1.30 pm: Sports Day for Year 2 - 6

Friday 14th July, 9.30 am: Reception Graduation

Friday 14th July: Teddy Bear's Picnic for School Lunch

Friday 14th July: Annual School Reports out to Parents/Carers

Monday 17th July: Parents/Carers welcome to discuss report in school

Wednesday 19th July: End of Nursery Celebration Event

Friday 21st July, 9.15 am: Celebration Assembly

Friday 21st July: End of Summer Term

